



December 10, 2008

TTB  
Frank Foote, Director Regulations  
and Rulings Division  
PO Box 14412  
Washington, D.C. 20044-4412

Re: Docket # TTB-2008-0009

Dear Mr. Foote:

On Tuesday, December 9, 2008, the Russian River Valley Winegrowers held a Special Meeting in regard to the Russian River Valley proposed AVA expansion.

The purpose of the forum was to provide our membership the opportunity to hear presentations from both the *FOR* and *AGAINST* parties on the Russian River Valley AVA Boundary Change Petition. Upon hearing from both parties, our membership had the right to vote by secret to state their position.

The findings are such:

Out of 380 current RRVW members in good standing, 245 of these members are Voting members in good standing consisting of 150 Grower members and 95 Winery members. We received 114 votes as such, (71) *AGAINST* the proposed expansion; (18) *FOR* the proposed expansion and (25) *NEUTRAL/WITHHELD* in regards to the proposed expansion.



Per the RRVW Bylaws it states:

**Article IV - Members; Paragraph F - Meeting of Members; Section 7 – Voting; Sub-Section (iv) – Approval by Majority Vote**

If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of the majority of the voting power represented at the meeting, entitled to vote and voting on any matters, shall be the act of the members, unless the vote of a greater number or voting by classes is required by the California Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law or by the articles of incorporation.

**Therefore the membership organization of the Russian River Valley Winegrowers is *OPPOSED* to the proposed expansion of the Russian River Valley AVA.**

Sincerely,

Carol Kozlowski-Every

Secretary

Russian River Valley Winegrowers